

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE)	
ENERGY KENTUCKY, INC. FOR 1) AN)	
ADJUSTMENT OF THE ELECTRIC RATES; 2))	
APPROVAL OF NEW TARIFFS; 3) APPROVAL)	CASE NO.
OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES TO)	2019-00271
ESTABLISH REGULATORY ASSETS AND)	
LIABILITIES; AND 4) ALL OTHER REQUIRED)	
APPROVALS AND RELIEF)	

ORDER

On March 16, 2020, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) filed a letter notifying the Commission that, although the suspension period for its proposed rates in this matter expires on April 2, 2020, Duke Kentucky will not implement its proposed rates prior to May 1, 2020. Due to the significant and widespread impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Duke Kentucky states that it will delay placing its proposed rates into effect in order to avoid placing further burdens on the Commission and on Duke Kentucky's customers who are affected by present circumstances. The Commission commends Duke Kentucky's action in delaying the implementation of its proposed rates in light of the current state of events. To the extent that a final order in this matter will not be issued prior to the expiration of the suspension period, the determination as to whether place the proposed rates into effect will be up to Duke Kentucky as the Commission cannot defer or extend the suspension period, which is set by statute. Should a final order be issued after the expiration of the suspension period, the final order will reflect Duke Kentucky's

commitment expressed in its March 16, 2020, notice regarding its intent to not place the proposed rates into effect prior to May 1, 2020.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. To the extent a final order in this matter is issued after the expiration of the suspension period, the decision to place the proposed rates into effect shall be up to Duke Kentucky as the Commission cannot defer or extend the suspension period, which is established by KRS 278.190(2).

2. To the extent a final order in this matter is issued after the expiration of the suspension period, the final order will reflect Duke Kentucky's commitment to not implement its proposed rates prior to May 1, 2020, as indicated in Duke Kentucky's March 16, 2020 notice.

By the Commission

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